

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration and allowance of this subject application are respectfully requested.

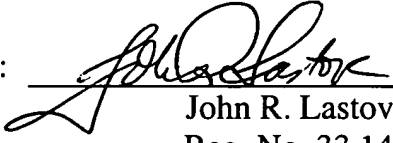
The only outstanding objection in the instant application is the Examiner's requirement of restriction between claims 1-23 in Group I and claims 24-27 in Group II. The Examiner contends that these two groups of inventions are "related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination." Applicant hereby elects claims 1-23 in Group I for examination without traverse. Non-elected, patentably distinct claims 24-27 have been cancelled without prejudice with respect to further prosecuting those claims in a divisional application.

All matters raised by the outstanding Office Action have been favorably resolved. This application is now in condition for allowance. However, Applicant requests that the Examiner please acknowledge consideration of WO 99/52042 in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on April 16, 2001. A copy of an initialed 1449 form submitted with that Information Disclosure Statement is respectfully requested.

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